

IN THE CLAIMS:

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41. (New) A wallet for use with a personal information device, the wallet comprising:
- a first portion having an input device;
 - a second portion coupled to the first portion to receive, detachably retain, and interface with a personal information device; and
 - a power source to provide electricity to the wallet; wherein the wallet conserves the power source by being turned on in response to a wake signal from the personal information device.
42. (New) The wallet of claim 41, wherein the personal information device comprises a PCMCIA card.
43. (New) The wallet of claim 41, wherein the personal information device comprises a personal digital assistant.
44. (New) The wallet of claim 41, wherein the second portion includes an induction coil adapted to interface without electrical contact with said personal information device when retained by said wallet, the wake signal being communicated to the wallet using the induction coil.

45. (New) The wallet of claim 41, wherein the wallet turns off if it does not receive a stay awake signal from the wallet for a predetermined period of time.

46. (New) The wallet of claim 41, wherein the power source comprises a battery.

47. (New) A method performed by a wallet having a power source and detachably retaining a personal information device, the method comprising:

receiving a wake signal from the personal information device; and

turning the wallet on in response to the wake signal by providing electricity to wallet components from the power source.

48. (New) The method of claim 47, further comprising:

turning the wallet off in response to not receiving a stay awake signal from the personal information device for a predetermined period of time by powering down the wallet components.

49. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the wake signal is received by the wallet using an induction coil interface.

50. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the wallet comprises a PCMCIA card.

51. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the power source comprises a battery.

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52. (New) A machine-readable medium containing data representing instructions that, when performed by processor of a wallet having a power source and detachably retaining a personal information device, cause the processor to perform operations comprising:

receiving a wake signal from the personal information device; and

turning the wallet on in response to the wake signal by providing electricity to wallet components from the power source.

53. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 52, wherein the instructions further cause the processor to perform operations comprising:

turning the wallet off in response to not receiving a stay awake signal from the personal information device for a predetermined period of time by powering down the wallet components.

54. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 52, wherein the wake signal is received by the wallet using an induction coil interface.

55. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 52, wherein the wallet comprises a PCMCIA card.

56. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 52, wherein the power source comprises a battery.